

House Resolution No. 2477

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens or distinguished themselves through significant personal achievement; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize April Ford-Griffin, who will be honored during the annual Salute to Women in Leadership luncheon to take place on May 9, 2008, a collaborative event between the City of St. Louis, the Office of the License Collector, and the Vashon/Jeff VanderLou Initiative; and

Whereas, the Salute to Women in Leadership awards are given to women who excel in their work in a professional, civic, or social capacity in the St. Louis area; and

Whereas, April Ford-Griffin, who will receive the Government Leadership Award, is the Alderwoman for 5th Ward in St. Louis, an elected office she has held since 1997, when she was only twenty-seven years old; and

Whereas, in her position as Alderwoman, April Ford-Griffin has served in several critical capacities including serving as chairman of the Neighborhood Development Committee, vice-chair of the Streets Committee, and a member of the Ways and Means, Housing and Urban Development, and Personnel committees; and

Whereas, a former chairman of the African American Aldermanic Caucus, April Ford-Griffin has led efforts that resulted in the construction and/or renovation of over 1,500 units of quality, mixed-income housing, and she is known for her commitment to the inclusion of minority developers and contractors in the revitalization of the 5th Ward; and

Whereas, a former commissioner of the St. Louis Airport and a former member of the Governor's Lead Prevention Board, April Ford-Griffin has provided legislative or financial support to organizations such as the St. Louis Gateway Classic Foundation, Pruitt Igoe, Inc., Better Family Life, Places for People, Doorways, Youth and Family Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Cahill House, Haven of Grace, 100 Black Men, Grace Hill, Habitat for Humanity, North Grand Neighborhood Services, Monsanto Family YMCA, Employment Connection, Old North St. Louis Restoration Group, Community Renewal and Development, CHIPS, and COVAM:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our congratulations and admiration for the personal and professional accomplishments of April Ford-Griffin; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for April Ford-Griffin, as a measure of our esteem.

Offered by _____
Representative Rodney R. Hubbard
District No. 58

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2477, adopted April 30, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker